

Mr. Speaker, as everyone who has known her will attest, Ruth Hyman's hard work for the community emanates from her sincere warmth and generosity. It is an honor to join with the JCC in paying tribute to her, for who she is and what she's done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, 1999, I was unavoidably detained during two roll call votes: number 145, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1251, Designating the Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building; and number 146, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 100, to Establish Designations for U.S. Postal Service Buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on roll call votes 145 and 146.

IN HONOR OF THE FIELD MUSEUM'S DEDICATION OF THE SIDNEY R. AND ADDIE YATES EXHIBITION CENTER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to celebrate the dedication of the Sidney R. and Addie Yates Exhibition Center located at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL, on May 27, 1999. The Center is so named because of the tremendous contributions that Congressman Yates and his wife, Addie, made over the years in support of the arts, humanities, and the environment.

There is no greater champion of the arts, humanities, and environment than Congressman Sidney Yates, and there is no greater champion of Congressman Yates than his life-long mate, Addie. In her own right, Addie has contributed greatly to causes close and dear to her heart. She spearheaded the wonderful exhibit, "The Children's Wall of Remembrance," in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, commemorating the nearly 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. Through her efforts, hundreds of thousands of American children were educated about the Holocaust and expressed this learning by painting tiles, which eventually found their way to this, now famous, Wall of Remembrance.

Congressman Yates' illustrious 48-year career in the House included saving the arts and humanities from drastic budget cuts in the 1980's, helping to establish the National Holocaust Museum here in Washington, DC, empowering the Department of Interior to safeguard more public lands and the rights of Native Americans, and protecting the Tongass National Forest from logging. The field Museum's state-of-the-art new exhibition center will be a lasting tribute to the work of Mr. Yates.

Located on Chicago's beautiful lakefront, the Field Museum is one of the city's crown jew-

els. Since its founding in 1893, the Field Museum has been a leader in the natural sciences, conducting world-class research in disciplines such as anthropology, biology, agriculture, ecology and sociology. The Field's collection of over 20 million specimens, including its recent acquisition of "Sue", the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found, serve to both educate and astound the visiting public.

The Sidney R. and Addie Yates Exhibition Center will serve as a permanent tribute to the Congressman in Chicago. It will be seen by the millions of visitors who make the Museum their destination for cultural programming. The facility will offer new and unique temporary exhibits, such as the current exhibit, "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama," which will instruct and delight visitors from Chicago, the nation, and the world.

While we miss Sid Yates, we will never forget the legacy he left behind, nor will the millions of visitors to the Field who will gaze and look in wonderment at the exhibits placed in the Center named for Sid and Addie Yates.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1141, 1999 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reluctantly support this conference report, as well as commend Chairman YOUNG, Mr. OBEY, and the conferees for their hard work in bringing this difficult bill to the floor. Clearly, many of my colleagues share my ambivalence about this legislation. As a body, we seem to be all over the place on this measure. Some of my friends on the Republican side voted earlier this month to oppose NATO intervention in Kosovo; now they support doubling the President's Kosovo budget request. My Democratic colleagues support funding to provide relief to tornado victims in Oklahoma, hurricane victims in Central America, and refugees in Kosovo; however, they balk at the bill's environmental riders and inflated defense spending. Members on both sides of the aisle decry emergency designation of non-emergency items, but we have a bipartisan inability to admit that our current budget caps are unrealistic and unworkable.

I have great concerns over portions of this legislation; however, on balance, Mr. Speaker, I believe that the need for much of the funding is real and outweighs my reservations. Given the situation in Kosovo three months ago and our commitment to the defense of Europe, I believe that President Clinton made the right decision to join our NATO allies in acting against Milosevic's ethnic cleansing campaign. The responsibility to allocate dollars to pay for the military campaign falls on the Congress. While the increases over the President's request for Kosovo should be addressed in the regular 2000 appropriations process, we need to move forward to commit these funds.

I strongly support emergency funding for non-defense items in the supplemental. The

Congress has moved expeditiously, as is our tradition, to address the destruction caused by recent tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas. H.R. 1141 also includes long overdue relief to Central America still struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. Sorely needed relief is being supplied to America's farmers.

Today's vote to provide \$100 million in military assistance and economic support to Jordan coincides with the visit of King Abdullah. These funds will enable that nation to assist in the Middle East peace process, pursuant to the Wye River agreement. There is renewed optimism that the recent elections in Israel can help reinvigorate that process.

This bill also includes some important legislative provisions. The repeal of the June 15th funding cutoff for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State and the Federal Judiciary, included in the fiscal 1999 omnibus bill, ensures that essential government functions no longer face shutdown. The bill grants the Department of Justice the authority to make restitution to Japanese Americans and Latin Americans of Japanese descent who were forcibly detained in the United States during World War II, but whose claims have not been settled. Settlement of these claims will close a shameful episode in this great nation's history.

The Republican majority continues to use appropriations bills to pass damaging environmental provisions. This time we have Senate provisions to protect narrow special interests at the expense of the environment. We continue to delay reforms to the 1872 mining law and changes in oil valuation which ensure that the government receives reasonable royalties from drilling on federal land. I urge my colleagues to vote to recommit this legislation so that the bill's onerous environmental provisions can be removed.

So, while I share the reservations voiced by many of my colleagues, I believe we need to move forward with the important work H.R. 1141 funds.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following statement to my colleagues. When I was traveling back to Washington, D.C. on May 24, 1999, H.R. 974, the District of Columbia College Access Act, was passed by voice vote. Due to the fact that I was commuting and the vote took place before the 6 p.m. scheduled time, I missed the voice vote. I would like to make it known for the record that had I been present, I would have asked for a recorded vote and voted against this bill. I do not feel that students in the District of Columbia should be made "exceptions" when it comes to paying in-states fees at any state institution. This privilege is not granted to students in this country who choose to attend a state college outside of their residential state.